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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to conducting a first examination in the aboveidentified application, kindly amend said application as follows:

## In the Specification:

On page 1, in the space between the title "Method for Joining Nonwoven Mesh Products" and the Heading "Background of the Invention", please insert --

# Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a division of U.S. Patent Application SN 09/290,899, filed April 12, 1999. --; and

### In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 through 17 in their entirety.

### REMARKS

Entry of the preceding amendment is respectfully requested. As the present application is a division of U.S. Patent Application SN 09/290,899, filed April 12, 1999 and allowed on December 18, 2000, the present amendment is being submitted to insert the necessary reference to that application into the

specification and to cancel the claims allowed in the parent SN 09/290,899.

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